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In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:
Rodney C. Dunsmore et al. : Elaine L. Gort
Serial No.: 09/679,781 : Group Art Unit: 3627
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 3, 2003 (Paper No. 3), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 3, 2003, and extended hereby to October 3, 2003 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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